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LANDING SOYUZ-TM6 POSTPONED.

EXPERTS UNCERTAIN ABOUT ONE OF THE SYSTEMS OF SOYUZ-TM6. INVESTIGATION NECESSARY.

This has been announced appr. 7 mins after the moment the retrofire had to be started. This retrofire was planned for 0600UTC.

Tilov, Manarov and Jean-Loup Chretien said goodbye to their MIR colleagues and closed hatch at 0630UTC.

Undocking from MIR: 0632UTC.

The separation of the Household Compartment (B.O. or O.O.) has not been reported but must have taken place appr. 0412UTC.

The program for the descend was started at 0458UT.

The landing had been estimated at appr. 0650-0700UTC at 100 KM from Arkalyk.

In last reports they mention a postponement of a few hours. Soyuz-TM6 (and of course on some distance MIR) will get in our range from appr. 0755UTC and so we might expect radiotraffic.